

2. Establishing the decision-making process for integrated earthquake preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation before the next damaging earthquake?
3. Enacting the changes that need to be made in a post-disaster environment to decrease the community's vulnerability to future earthquakes?

Recommendations for Discussion

Quantifying Future Earthquake Potential

1. Convene a forum on earthquake loss estimation techniques and issues encompassing all elements of the problem.

Reducing Earthquake Damage

1. Develop and share criteria for effective disaster situation assessment and response.
2. Convene a workshop on post-earthquake policy problems and solutions.
3. Convene community-specific vulnerability reduction symposia in several selected communities.

Improving Information Systems

1. Exchange information on current technologies and their application to disaster situation assessment to improve current practice.
2. Exchange information on Geographic Information System products, including software, and methods that prove effective in practice.
3. Develop and share criteria for effective disaster situation assessment and response.
4. Establish communication channels for exchanging information on new innovations that work, as well as those that do not work.
5. Convene workshops to evaluate programs needed to assist in community recovery.

SYMPOSIUM PAPERS

The symposium presentations were based on previously submitted papers that contained proposals for United States-Japan collaboration and discussions of policy decisions for reducing earthquake losses.